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The Pastor's Message

Everything looks promising and prosperous and propitious. We are going to have a memorable church year. With a fine spirit of loyalty the deacons and others have cared for the public services and the general spiritual interests of the church during the vacation period. The congregation that greeted me the first Sunday morning after my return was magnificent. The week following was one of the busiest I have spent since I entered the pastorate. I can see lots of work ahead. If you and I are lazy this autumn and winter it won't be for lack of things to do. The tasks and duties, many and great, loom ahead. Let us attack and master them! If they seem large like mountains let us attempt them all the more joyfully. The sunlight plays about the summits. Let us "follow the gleam!"

The Anniversary.

Seventy-five years ago two little companies of people, in a primitive settlement on the frontier of American civilization, organized themselves for religious work. Today those pioneer Protestant churches have become two powerful bodies, widely known, and occupying a position of commanding influence—the First Presbyterian Church and the First Baptist Church of Chicago. The settlement itself has grown from an insignificant village to a city of two million people—the fourth largest city in the world. It is fitting that the diamond anniversary of our church should be celebrated with praise and prayer, with gratitude and enthusiasm, with zeal and heartiness, in the spirit of Christian love and good-fellowship. A most interesting series of commemorative meetings is being carefully arranged. The committees are working energetically. Friends new and old are planning to be with us. We are especially anxious to see the faces of the men and women who made this church their home in days gone by. We want to give a right royal greeting to these children of the First Church, as they gather beneath the branches of the old roof-tree. There will be many messages also from those, scattered far and wide, who cannot be with us in person. So it will be, altogether, an occasion never to be forgotten.

Lay Service.

Our church has realized this summer the value and inspiration of lay service. As the pastor was absent, and as at present we have no assistant pastor, you were unwilling that the work should suffer. It was a grand re-

sponse that you gave to the needs of the hour. Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Raymond have given us three great issues of "Church Life." Mr. Ahrens preached at the home church. Dr. Spinney, Mr. Kelley and Mr. Raymond preached at Raymond. Mr. Neal, Mr. Wigney and others led the prayer meetings. Mr. Van Meter conducted the open-air services. Mr. Robert Leland looked after the Sunday calendars. Mr. W. E. Smith and his strong corps of assistants carried forward the plans for the Diamond Anniversary. So there was activity in all directions, and the church through its entire life felt the quickening influence.

"Why, Certainly!"

When I asked one and another and others to perform various tasks during my absence I was wonderfully encouraged by the spirit of willingness with which my requests were greeted. Last spring, when we wanted a superintendent for the Home Department of the Sunday-school I went to Mr. E. L. Kelley, and asked him to take the place. His immediate and hearty response was "Why, certainly!" The position means lots of work, no honor (as we count honor), and no pay. These facts were not deterrents but inspirations to Mr. Kelly, and those whole-souled words, "Why, certainly" have been ringing in my mind ever since. Similar replies, evincing a spirit of true-hearted readiness for service in the Master's name I received from Mr. Van Meter and the others whose names I have just mentioned, when I was arranging for the conduct of the affairs of the church in my absence. That phrase, "Why, certainly," would make a good rallying-cry for the year.

A Dear Friend Gone.

Mrs. Everts has bidden us farewell. What a glorious life! What a beautiful soul! She was a woman, high-minded, lofty of purpose, devoted to all good, lovely in character, with an eye single to the glory of God. Many times during her last illness I called upon her, hoping to bring to her some word of cheer. I always came away feeling that my own heart had been uplifted, that I was the one who had been blessed. Her husband was a mighty man, and she a queen amongst women. She constantly prayed for the church she loved so dearly. The sweet fragrance of her rare life will be an abiding benediction.

Austin K. de Blois.

Welcome To Our Pastor

Our pastor arrived in Chicago on the evening of September 5, after a long journey from Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and on Sunday morning following occupied his accustomed place. He found a large audience gathered to welcome his home-coming, many of the members having also just returned from their summer vacation. His first sermon was on the subject of "Nearness to God" as the secret of our power with God and with men, enforced by the text in James 4:18, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to thee."

Approach to God is only through Jesus Christ. He is the medium of drawing nigh, and God has committed himself to accept all who come by that way. Living thus in the presence of God enables believers to overcome all opposition. Opposition of Jewish priesthood to the early church was persistent and aggressive. It found its culmination in the crucifixion of Christ. But because the early church had the spirit of God present with them, the old Jewish religion, which had become a mere hierarchy of formalism, had to give way to the spiritual religion of Jesus Christ. The opposition of the Greek and Roman world with all its persecution could not stamp out the new

religion, pervaded as it was with the love of God and peace and good will toward men. Christianity conquered because its adherents "drew nigh to God," and God honored their spiritual approach. The church is the Bride of Jesus Christ. God loves the church and cherishes its work. Though through a path of trial, and discipline and perhaps suffering, God brings his church at last to power and spiritual sway over the hearts of men. We cannot draw nigh to God without accepting the authority of Jesus Christ. What Jesus speaks is from God, the Father, whom he came to represent. His thought is God's thought. By faithfulness to his mission God has accorded Jesus the place of power at his right hand where all things are under him. God has a work for each one of us to do. His plan should be our plan. When we introduce our plans, we are sure to meet with failure. Following in God's way we prosper more truly, and God can use us to nobler ends and purposes. He enables us to overcome evil with good. As we "draw nigh to God, he draws nigh to us," and guides us and girds us in the battle of life.

W. R. R.

The 75th Anniversary

The dates for these exercises have been fixed as beginning Tuesday, October 27, to Sunday, November 1, 1908.

The program committee has submitted the following report which has been adopted by the general committee in charge:

Tuesday evening, October 27, Men's League Banquet (ladies night). Subject suggested: Outline of the work for the winter and emphasis upon the value and necessity of institutional features in connection with our work in this neighborhood.

Wednesday evening, a general spiritual meeting, of remembrance and prayer and testimonies. Address by Rev. W. W. Everts, and several short historical papers dealing especially with the work of the laymen of the church.

Thursday evening, a general meeting of the Baptist Churches and institutions. (Management of this meeting to be referred to the committee appointed by the Chicago Baptist Association.

Friday evening, a general social of all former and present members. Reading of letters from absent and former members.

Sunday, November 1. Anniversary sermons, morning and evening. (General Baptist Rally Sunday afternoon.)

Slight variation in this program may be found necessary upon conference with the committee of the Chicago Baptist Association that joins the Church in celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the denomination in Chicago.

Your committee is much encouraged by the interest already aroused in the Church and denomination, the sub-committees are all at work. Many old members and friends from

different parts of the country are being heard from, exhibiting an unusual interest in the work.

Formal invitations are being prepared to be sent out by your committees and will be furnished to any applicants who will mail them to their friends.

We wish to secure the largest accurate lists possible and postal cards are prepared for this purpose, they can be had upon application and are being distributed through the congregation. Send us at once every name and address you know, that none may be missed.

The preparation for each service will be in charge of a special committee that each one may be of greatest possible interest and accomplish the greatest good to the cause and reach the greatest number.

It is the urgent desire of the pastor, your committee and the whole Church that this occasion may be a marked mile stone in history, and to that end let us have your hearty co-operation. The finance committee needs your aid—come to it at once. All other committees need your counsel, advice and help—come to the front.

The banquet of Tuesday evening will be as fine as our ladies, famed for such affairs, can make it. This will be the only meeting with paid tickets. It is to be hoped a handsome profit may be secured by the ladies for use in their work; they will need help; such as can and are so disposed are invited to contribute to this branch of the work. All now depends upon the hearty co-operation of every member of the Church.

W. E. Smith,
Chairman Anniversary Committee.

SPECIAL REQUEST.

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committee wants the name and address of every living ex-member of our church. There is no way to get a list of such unless each and every one whose eye this notice reaches responds to it by sending (on postal card addressed to W. E. Smith, Chairman, 52 Woodland Park, Chicago) the names and addresses of those whom he knows as having formerly been on our membership list. Almost every one can recall some one who has moved away, so please "do it now" and thus be the means of your friend not being forgotten or overlooked when the Correspondence Committee send out its letters and anniversary invitations next month.

P. S.—The above notice was printed last month; quite a few responded. Did you? If, after the anniversary meetings are over, you discover that one of your dearest friends, who used to be a member with us, knew nothing of them, remember that it was your fault because you did not take the trouble to send the committee the name and address. "Do it now."

Also send to the proper committees, such data, information or suggestions as you may have.

The General Committee of Arrangements for the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of First Baptist Church of Chicago consists of the following:

The Pastor, Rev. Austen K. de Blois, 3436 Calumet avenue.
Edward Goodman, 271 Oakwood boulevard.
E. D. Neal, 4527 Forrestville avenue.
W. R. Raymond, 3304 Vernon avenue.
Charles H. Marshall, 4422 Lake avenue.
Dr. W. H. Gale, 3352 Rhodes avenue.
M. J. Piercy, 42 33d Place.
H. Webster Tomlinson, 28 Twenty-Ninth St.
Dr. E. C. Spinney, 3526 Grand boulevard.
W. E. Smith, 52 Woodland Park.
Dr. F. H. Kelly, 3104 Cottage Grove avenue.
Robert C. Leland, 44 Thirty-Third place.
Mrs. J. F. Gillette, 2908 Michigan avenue.
Mrs. Clifford Williams, 3131 Calumet avenue.
Miss Leila Ahrens, 3218 Vernon avenue.
Miss Clara E. de Clerq, 42 33rd place.

Sub-committees as follows:

Finance Committee—Chairman, Dr. E. C. Spinney, M. J. Piercy, Robert C. Leland.

Historical Committee—Chairman, Rev. Austen K. de Blois, Edward Goodman, E. D. Neal, Mrs. S. R. Lingle.

Committee on Printing and Advertising—(Publicity)—Chairman, W. R. Raymond, James Edgar Brown.

Correspondence Committee—Chairman, Rev. Austen K. de Blois, C. R. Stouffer, J. Gorton Marsh and W. E. Smith.

Reception Committee—The Deacons and Trustees, with their ladies and such others as they may deem advisable to add.

Program Committee—W. E. Smith, Dr. A. K. de Blois, Webster Tomlinson.

Committee on Social—(Not yet appointed.)

Decoration Committee—Harry Jason Hale, Mrs. J. F. Gillette, Mrs. Clifford Williams and the present flower committee, Mrs. T. G. McLaury, Mrs. E. L. Roy, Mrs. T. M. Hoyne and Mrs. R. N. Clarke.

Committee appointed by the Chicago Baptist

Association—J. Spencer Dickerson, chairman; Dr. J. R. Thomas, Mrs. John Nuveen, Dr. T. G. Soares, Mr. Walter E. Gillespie, Dr. D. D. MacLaurin and Dr. A. K. Parker.

DEACON J. M. HAMMOND.

I knew him first in 1866, filling the place of janitor of the First Baptist Church at Wabash avenue and Hubbard Court. He was also church collector, visitor and Sabbath school missionary, active in many good works.

Physically almost a giant, tall, raw-boned, angular and almost uncouth, in manner of speech, gesture and movement an "old Bowery boy" showing in all appearances his boyhood training and experience, but his religion shone out in his peculiar smile. He was full of the Holy Spirit, and at all times active in his Master's work.

He was a peculiar example of the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within a man, changing his whole mental and moral nature, but leaving untouched his external appearance and mannerisms.

In all gatherings at the church he was always present, an individual reception committee. Welcoming every comer, especially strangers, with his strong grasp and hand-shake, the most awkward but at the same time the most sincere hand shake of memory's record, always leaving a deep impression upon all strangers.

I know no man making a deeper impression upon me than Deacon Hammond at our first meeting and at each succeeding meeting, such a remarkable example of the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit and I find many recording the same experience.

In those days he lived in rooms over the Sabbath school rooms in such ample quarters that he furnished a home to a number of young men and women coming as strangers to the city, in a small way providing for as many as he could house. Among them some theological students working their way, assisting him in his work. There were social and religious advantages, highly prized by the young men and one writes in a recent letter, speaking of his work in the church and Sunday-school while a member of Deacon Hammond's family, "I live over the memory of those days, the golden years of my life, the most hallowed associations of my life."

He was always interesting and one soon learned to forget his peculiar manner. At various times he told me much of his early history. Born in the Bowery district of New York City, he grew up in the slums, subject to all the adverse influences of the locality. He became a member of the old New York volunteer fire department, a rowdy, a tough and leader in many brawls and fights, so common in those days. In speaking of those days he never spared himself, but praised the Lord for his salvation.

In some way he was reached by the Baptist City Missions, converted and saved and baptized into one of the Baptist churches of his native city, and became at once the same ardent laborer in the Lord's vineyard that he had been in the service of the devil.

Fearing the influence of his old associates

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and friends, he came west and April 1, 1857, joined this church by letter.

During his first years in Chicago, he was a teamster for the Laffin & Rand Powder Co. living his religion in his lowly life of hard labor.

In 1865 he became janitor and later collector of the church upon the completion of the lecture room and continued in such duties until it was destroyed in the fire of 1874. Continuing his missionary work, he was instrumental in building the present house of worship, was for many years an active deacon, universally revered until his death.

When the church was burning in 1874, he removed the communion table, now in the present church, the gothic chairs in the lecture room, the Bible and a number of hymn books all that was saved from that magnificent pile.

A great sufferer in his later years, crippled by rheumatism, he could not continue his work as janitor; he was elected a deacon and faithfully filled the office until his death.

He never lost his physical peculiarities or manner of speech; but with his religious experiences ripened, he finished his course, won his race and is in possession of his full reward.

W. E. S.

PULPIT SUPPLIES.

July 19.—By a typographical error in the August issue we failed to mention the name of the preacher of July 19. It was the Rev. T. L. Ketman whom we wished to thank for his excellent sermon on the characteristics which made the Apostle Paul so great and so powerful a preacher.

August 9 and 16—The sermons of Rev. O. R. O. Farel, of Willimantic, Conn., and Rev. Robert Gordon, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 9 and 16, were highly praised by our members. Rev. Farel's discourse was deliberative in style, but both messages engaged the closest attention, and much benefited the excellent audience which came out to hear these strong, young representatives of our denomination. May we have many more like them entering the work with similar zeal, and wisdom, and loyalty.

August 23—Rev. A. T. Fowler, of Minneapolis, preached Sunday morning, August 23, on the text: "The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal," Rev. 21:16, referring to the Holy City descending out of heaven from God. He announced his subject to be, "The Goal of Christianity."

Some of the audience wondered what the preacher was going to make out of such a text, but when the Holy City was taken as a type of Christ, whose character beautifully harmonized and bore no inequalities of proportion, we saw the application of the peculiar text to the goal of ideal character, toward which all Christians should earnestly strive.

He opened his discourse by defining character and reputation. Character is what God sees us to be. Reputation is what men see us to be. The opposition of the Pharisees to Christ was chiefly due to his interpretation of character as not what they do, but what they

are, for the Pharisees interpreted character to be reputation.

The first element of character was "length." This was said to be "noble purpose." How powerful a steadfast noble purpose made any life! And how useless are the purposeless lives we see all about us!

The "breadth" of the wall represented the characteristic of "brotherly love;" not sentimental brotherhood, but that brotherhood which brings us into such spiritual communion with men as to command our loving interest and helpfulness.

The "height" of the Holy City was explained as the "upreach toward God," God ever in the life directing and strengthening its purpose and its outreach toward men. We cannot exercise a proper brotherhood unless God enters into the life. We must have "height" as well as "length" and "breadth." All these characteristics harmonize beautifully in Jesus Christ. The steadfast purpose to accomplish his redemptive work; the abounding love toward all; and his constant communion with God. The Jewish religion emphasized purpose; the Greeks worshipped man; and Buddhism placed the emphasis on the divine essence to the exclusion of noble purpose and brotherly love. What we want in our lives is the beautiful harmony of these three elements of character; noble purpose, brotherhood, God; the length, the breadth and the height. These in equal proportion are "the Goal of Christianity," and constitute the ideal structure of Christian character toward which, as a goal, we should all earnestly strive.

August 30—Rev. H. O. Rowland of Davenport, Iowa, preached the last sermon on August 30, just prior to the return of our pastor. Both his prayer and his sermon gave evidence of a deep tone of piety, and a desire that Christians may be impressed with the larger life of loving service to which our Lord calls them.

His text was taken from the Gospel by Matthew, 5th chapter, 41st verse: "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." The text forms a part of the discourse of Christ in which he contrasts the obligations of the law of Moses and the Roman law with the law of his kingdom. It is not enough for Christ's subjects to meet the bare requirements of the civil and moral law. They are to do something better and grander. Christ says, "Go beyond what is merely required," in the spirit of love and Christian courtesy, and thus places the ethics of the new religion in advance of the ethics of the old.

The measure of value with the world is the accomplishments a person possesses of music, language, literature, etc. Christ makes the measure of value the moral conduct before God in one's contact with men.

1. Text applied to business. A young man in business works during the eight hours required and will not do more. Another goes farther, labors outside of regular hours in order to render the best possible service. He shows interest in the house and becomes an "integral part" of the firm. He goes the second mile, while the other young man, going the mile merely, is only a "cog" in the business.

2. Text applied to church life. A member and officer of the church shares in its support.

He takes a pew and gives regularly. But so does he give to his lodge and to the support of the government. He walks the "first mile." He gives a tenth of his income perhaps. The Jew does that. The Christian should go farther. He should go the "second mile," i.e. farther. He should give to the church, not as to his club or lodge, but as to his family, liberally and lovingly. He should go way beyond what is merely required. We owe much to the church, to the community, to the poor, to the sick, to the missionary cause at home and abroad. All these have claims upon our interest and support. The needs are great and pressing. Let us go the "second mile," and increase our gifts way beyond ordinary requirements.

3. Text applied to the faith of many. Many say they believe in the Creator. They know there is an overruling God. The heathen believes in God that way. Even the devil believes and trembles. Go beyond such a faith, and trust in God day by day. Believe in that degree that your heart throbs with his spirit and you have interest in all things as his. Believe in him as a loving Father, providing for you and loving you. How many believers go only to the "first mile" and are satisfied, or claim to be? Let me urge you to go the "second mile." Take Christ as your Savior, your Master, your Immanuel, and appropriate the larger life and grander privileges he gives to his followers.

W. R. R.

We were very glad to have Rev. W. W. Everts lead our prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, August 19, and to hear his encouraging words which in former years we so often listened to with pleasure and profit.

Deacon J. P. Ahrens, who was appointed to lead the meeting, pressed Brother Everts into service.

The passage selected was that relating the miraculous cure of the woman with the issue of blood through her faith in Christ's divine power. It was clearly shown how Christ developed her faith and elicited the beautiful expression of her gratitude and worship. Brother Everts called attention to the great difference between the healing nowadays by mesmerism and Christian Science, and the cases cured by Christ. His miracles were wrought upon diseases of long standing, such as the paralytic, the man born blind, and the case of the woman in the passage read.

Although the destructive higher criticism has afflicted Boston as well as Chicago, it was very plain from Brother Everts' words that he had no leaning toward the disposition in some quarters to explain away the miracles of Christ and minimize his divine character. Like his revered father and our former beloved pastor, Rev. W. W. Everts, Jr., is a vigorous defender of the faith. Long may he live to exert a powerful example of fidelity and loyalty to our Lord and Master as very God, able to save to the uttermost.

FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

The following letter from an old member of the church is such a direct testimony as to the effect of the right kind of influence upon the young strangers coming to the city and

has such a direct bearing upon the work of the church that we think it well to print it:

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 20, 1908.
W. E. Smith, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother:—During the past three years I have been a subscriber for "Church Life," the magazine published by the First Baptist Church of your city. The reason I subscribed is because I wished to be in living touch with its spiritual affairs. Although its membership is almost entirely changed since I belonged to it, yet no church that I belonged to before or since has ever had such a hold on my affections as has the First Baptist Church of Chicago and I still take the keenest pleasure and interest in its prosperity and success, as though I were still counted in its membership. The associations and memories of my boyhood days I count as sacred and hallowed for I had many very warm-hearted friends that were more like brothers and sisters, than friends. To me it was home, with every incentive to live the godly and righteous life.

On December 30, 1868, a poor struggling lad of eighteen years applied for membership by letter, almost friendless, ill at ease and diffident almost regretting the act. I was not long permitted to continue in that frame of mind. The love and cordiality manifested on the occasion awakened every impulse of my nature and stirred me to activity of service. In 1869, Deacon Hammond, who was then living in the church building when it stood on Wabash avenue and Hubbard Court, asked me to come and live with him and assist in the care of the church to supply the place of D. T. Johns then studying for the ministry and afterward drowned at Comanche, Iowa. I lived in the church building almost two years and that brought me more than ever in immediate contact with its members, so that I knew about 800 of them. I believe that they were the most spiritual body of believers I ever knew. Whoever attended grander prayer meetings than they had at the First Baptist Church? They were indeed a spiritual uplift bringing us to the borders of heaven. What prayers were there like to Deacon Hammond's of saintly memory, the powerful talk of B. F. Jacobs, and the glowing testimonies of such men as Nehemiah Hawkins, Roraback, Bently Tyler and hundreds of others I could name? I never attended a Sunday-school that would compare with it in interest, activity and purpose, and was there ever another superintendent that could infuse life and energy in every member like B. F. Jacobs? Even the most careless and indifferent seemed to have his powers awakened for Jacobs seemed to know where to place every one and made him feel that he expected him to do his work. No wonder that there were thousands of visitors from all over the country to see the workings of the school, for it had become famous. I was one of the assistant librarians under E. G. Mansfield. I still have in my possession the annual which Brother Jacobs published in 1870, containing the names of all the officers, the teachers and members of classes which I am sure would be a curiosity to a good many, and how many have passed over into Immanuel's land—the pastor and all the deacons

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except Brother Goodman. Then the afternoon Bible class of 500 or more members that filled the lecture room. What was there to compare with the deep-seated interest as they listened to gospel truths as they fell from the lips of Brother Jacobs. It was the beginning of the International series of Sunday-school lessons: a new feature in the study of the divine word. Then we had George C. Stebbins to lead the singing and D. W. Baker at the organ. The memory of those days how glorious, and I seem to live them all over again. Brother Stebbins always took supper with Deacon Hammond as he had to lead the church choir.

For twelve years I kept my membership in the First Church; at last I was compelled to "sever my membership on account of change of locality," and it was indeed a sore trial to me. The reason I address this letter to you is because in "Church Life" I notice you request all ex-members to write you.

Of the present membership I find but few names that are familiar to me: Mrs. Everts, Brother Goodman and sister, Brother S. B. Lingle and wife, and her sister, Miss Church, Brother E. D. Neal and C. A. Havens and possibly a very few others. How delighted I should be if I could be permitted to attend your diamond jubilee, but my emotions would be most deeply stirred when I realized that associations of my boyhood experiences were wanting. In behalf of the church I would make this petition: "May the Lord bless thee and keep thee; may the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Yours truly Wm. A. Wilson

The Church at Work.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The first Sunday in September saw most of the officers and teachers in their places, also the return of a large number of the pupils. A word about scholars. It is the scholars who must be the missionaries, and it is hoped that teachers and pupils will unite with the officers in trying to bring in new pupils. Also that the teachers will do their best to get back all of their former pupils who have been absent during the summer.

The Love and Sacrifice Fund bank is to be found on a chair at the entrance to the Intermediate Department. A few cents put in this bank will help some poor boy or girl or any member of our school. That fund has already furnished one girl a pair of shoes and will help others. One case of need is now being looked into.

It is with regret that we lose Miss Blanche Pickett. Miss Pickett has been in the school ever since her name was entered on the cradle roll. We hope to see her whenever she is in the city and our best wishes go with her to her new home in River Forest.

Mrs. Gussie Elkins' class has been consolidated with Deacon Wigney's class.

Miss Cressy, teacher of Class A, having graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training School, has gone to Ning Po, China, to teach

in the Girls' School.

We shall miss her here. Charles Hall of the Adoniram Judson class, Mrs. Bennett, teacher, on September 6, 1908, completed seven years of perfect attendance, being neither absent nor late. Is this not a record to be proud of?

Beginning September 1, an accurate attendance record will be kept of each class and to the class having the best average for the month will be the "banner class" for September?

Superintendent Piercy wants what he wants when he wants it. He wants the school to open promptly, with every officer, teacher and pupil in place at 29 minutes and 60 seconds past 9 o'clock a. m.—so come early. We would be glad to have the parents and members of our congregation visit the school frequently also.

We have greatly missed Miss Margaret Coones for the past two Sundays, absent on account of sickness. We trust she will soon be with us again. Miss Coones has greatly endeared herself to the little ones who greatly miss her.

In the neighborhood of our church there live many hundreds of children and youths whom we ought to have in our Sunday-school. The reason so many of them are visiting cheap places of amusement or loitering about the streets is possibly because you and I did not invite them to come to Sunday-school. How about the boy or girl who lives near you and has no religious opportunities—or thinks he hasn't—because he has never been invited? Won't you invite him to come next Sunday—or give his name to some officer of the school and we will do the rest.

Are you a member of the First Baptist Church, if so, what do you know about the Sunday-school? Do you know Deacon Ahrens has a class for adults? Have you ever attended? If not, why not? Deacon Ahrens and the members of the class extend a hearty invitation to all adults to meet with them.

Young man—young lady, attention—Can you teach? if not, do you desire to learn the Bible so as to prepare yourself to teach? If an opportunity is offered you, will you join a teachers' class? Think of the good you can do if properly qualified. If so, please give your name and address to the superintendent or any officer of the school. The idea is that a mixed class will be preferred. Remember there will be a certain amount of study required of the members of the class. A lady recently remarked to the superintendent that she received so much benefit and blessing in attending Mrs. Ware's class during the last season that she trusted to be able to attend it again. If one can receive a blessing, cannot you? Mrs. Ware will not be able to conduct the class this year but we hope to have another good leader soon, provided enough signify their intention to join. Will you?

Postal cards certifying to Sunday-school attendance while out of the city have been received from the following:

Ella J. Day, Jackson, and South Haven, Mich.
Marie Weinland, Kankakee, Ill.
Marie L. Hume, Downer's Grove, Ill.

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Leah Allaby, Paris, Ill.
 Dorothy Lumley, Urbana, Ill.
 Florence Breese, Parma, Mich.
 We wish any scholar or teacher who has failed to get credit on the class records for attendance while out of the city would report to Secretary Dr. Frank Gale and have the record corrected.

The fourth annual Men's Fall Festival concert of the Cook County Sunday-school Association will be held on Tuesday evening, November 17, 1908. Tenor and bass singers to represent our school are wanted. Who will volunteer?

Mrs. A. C. Ware, the efficient leader of our Teachers' Training Class, is to leave us to take up work in Yankton, S. Dak. While we are exceedingly sorry to lose so valuable a member of our teaching staff, our best wishes go with her to the new field, which we know from personal experience is one in which she will meet with many very pleasant people.

Miss Janie Ware, too, is to leave the "Old First" for a while, going to Houston, Texas to take charge of a kindergarten and training school.

These removals from our midst—even though but for a time—show the wide reaching influences continually going out from our church.

CRADLE ROLL.

Additions to the Cradle Roll since last issue:
 Raymond Clyde Cadwell.
 David Gainey Clarke.

THE ADONIRAM JUDSON CLASS.

The class will on September 27, instead of the quarterly "review," have a paper on the life of Dr. Judson.

Boys from 15 to 17 years of age or "thereabouts" are cordially invited to join the Judson class and Judson club. Send name to Eugene M. Schmitt, secretary.

The fall program of work will soon be laid out.

THE LORIMER BARACA.

On Sunday, September 6, we had an attendance of twelve, which is a good starter for our fall and winter campaign. We expect to increase our Sunday attendance and have our class one of the largest Bible classes of our church.

Labor Day we entered a track team in the annual outdoor track championship of the C. C. B. C. A. A. and captured second place in the relay event, after a hard fight with the Lexington Baptist team.

Basketball will now occupy our attention for the balance of the year. Next Saturday, some of the boys will clean the lot south of the church and get rid of all the sand burrs and weeds, so that we can practice on Saturday afternoons. We want a church team, so all members of the Sunday-school are eligible to try for a place on the team and we would like to have as much competition for the different places as possible. So we ask all boys to come out on Saturday afternoons, beginning September 26. This means Raymond Mission as well as the main church.

Ernest Hartung.

The close of the summer vacation has always been a favorable time for the church to take up the work in earnest. This is an especially opportune time for the beginning of a systematic study of the Bible.

For various reasons a large portion of our membership are not availing themselves of the privilege afforded by our Sunday-school for Bible study. On October 1, begins another quarter when the books are distributed. There are many reasons that could be advanced showing why our class of one hundred scholars should be increased at least three fold. The Home Department Tidings just received from the Tremont Temple Sunday-school of Boston reports 643 members and thirty-seven officers and visitors. (And Boston isn't as big a city as Chicago either.) The expense is only a voluntary contribution on your part.

The present plan of International Sunday-school lessons is a good one. The daily readings throw a side light upon the central truth of the Sunday-school lesson each week, which will prove extremely valuable.

Any one wishing to receive the Home Department quarterly will please hand in his name to the pastor or E. L. Kelley, superintendent of the Home Department.

THE MEN'S LEAGUE.

The annual meeting and election of officers for the Men's League was held Tuesday, September 15, and resulted in the following list of officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

W. E. Smith, president.

Chas. M. Clarke, first vice-president.

L. C. Humphrey, second vice-president.

Dr. Frank W. Gale, chairman, Social Committee.

T. Ralph Ridley, secretary.

W. H. Vallette, treasurer.

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S. H. Trude, chairman, Committee of Entertainments and Speakers.

Dr. W. H. Gale, chairman, Membership Committee.

W. R. Raymond, chairman, Committee on Rooms.

C. H. Holman, chairman, Fellowship Committee.

With the above efficient board of officers the outlook is favorable and very promising for a successful season, but no matter how efficient or capable the officers, it means to reach the highest success that every member must do his part. It means good team work on the part of all the members. For with unity rises strength of an organization.

An outline giving fuller details of the year's work will be duly announced in either the Church Calendar or by postal cards to the members.

F. W. G.

THE LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Society does not expect to begin active operations before the first Friday in October, as our President, Mrs. Williams, and many of our members still linger in the country, by mountains, sea and in the various pleasant

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 wooded retreats where they have been building up a fine reserve stock of health, and strength, with a rich coloring of tan, that highly fashionable color.

We shall be glad to meet each other and hope to do a large amount of work during the winter season; the second meeting will be the third Friday in October.

Right g'd are we to have our pastor and family back with us and only wish the Doctor had acquired some of the aforesaid fashionable color, for he certainly shows his illness and looks far too pale after a long vacation in the bracing Canadian air. However, Chicago is capable of doing great things and we hope the lake air, may soon renew his strength and make him quite fit.

We shall miss Mrs. Branch, whom the Master has call'd up higher and also our dear Mrs. Everts, who was so many years one of our most active members. We cannot but rejoice that the great suffering of her latter years is over for she was a ripe Christian character and is now with those she "loved long since but lost a while."

Mrs. G. E. J.

THE MISSION CIRCLE.

The annual reception of the Missionary Children's Home in Morgan Park will be held Tuesday, October 13. This is under the auspices of the Woman's Union and is the first meeting of the Union this season. Luncheon will be served at noon and interesting exercises will follow. We hope our members will show their interest by a good attendance.

The Woman's Mission Circle will gather in the lecture room on Friday, October 9, for the first meeting of the season. New studies will be begun and we hope for a large and enthusiastic meeting. A social will be the closing feature of the afternoon.

Mrs. S. B. L.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

The meetings of the C. E. Society were resumed Sunday, September 6, after a vacation of two months. The attendance was gratifying and the meeting was a he'ful one, led by Mr. Robert Leland.

The open air services were not as well attended by the young people as they should have been, but a few were very faithful. During the month of September the meetings will be held Monday evening at eight o'clock.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, it was unanimously voted to express to Mr. H. H. VanMeter our most hearty appreciation for the service which he has rendered so willingly during the summer months.

A social will be held the latter part of this month and we can assure you all a good time as our competent chairman, Mr. Ernest Hartung and his committee are making their plans. A cordial welcome is extended to all of our young people and their friends.

Open Air Meetings.

Come to the open air meetings held Monday evenings at 8 o'clock during September at the Thirty-first street entrance.

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Berwyn.—Pastor Abernethy spent the month of August in Northern Michigan getting a well earned rest.

Humboldt Park.—Rev. B. F. Martin began his pastorate on August 2, baptizing three converts during the day. He spent his vacation at Goshen, Ind.

La Grange.—Thomas Stephenson, the pastor, is spending his vacation in Colorado, where he spent twelve years of successful labor.

Ogden Park.—The tent meetings under the leadership of Dr. Toy and Prof. Dixon were greatly blessed in quickening the spiritual vigor and in the salvation of a large number. The outlook for the year is most hopeful.

Ravenswood.—Pastor Stiles and wife have been spending their vacation in Michigan. The pulpit has been supplied by Evangelist O. A. Miller, Rev. D. P. Rowe and others.

Second.—Dr. MacLaurin and family are spending a two months' vacation in Minneapolis. Rev. Mr. Bush, the pastor's assistant, has gone to join his wife for a vacation at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y.

Washington Park.—Rev. A. W. Runyan has been the regular supply for some time. Rev. R. L. Kelly began his work as pastor on September 1.

Windsor Park.—The Baptist, Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches have been holding a series of very helpful union services.

Pilgrim Temple.—Before taking his vacation, Dr. Thoms gave two series of interesting stereopticon sermons on the "Life of Christ in the Holy Land," and Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress."

Normal Park.—Pastor Anderson spent the month of August in the country near Owatonna, Minn. The supplies were Rev. Milton F. Negus for three Sundays, and Dr. D. T. Denman and Rev. Roy Babcock. The church will give a social and welcome home reception on September 10. Dr. A. R. E. Wyant has rented a house at 6951 Stewart avenue and with his family will unite with this church.

Morgan Park.—The churches of the village have united for a revival meeting, to be held in

a tent, beginning September 7, under the leadership of Mr. C. C. Smith, assisted by Mr. Roper, singer. A similar tent campaign was held under the leadership of Rev. W. S. Biederwolf some years ago, and good results are expected from these meetings, also.

North Shore.—Among the supplies heard here during the summer were Dr. W. M. Lawrence, of East Orange, N. J., Prof. Johnson of the University, and Rev. George Moor of Champaign, Ill.

Messiah.—During Pastor Parson's vacation in Cleveland, O., the pulpit was supplied by Dr. J. B. Thomas and his son-in-law.

Maplewood.—Rev. Chalmers of Morgan Park supplied during the pastor's vacation. The celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of organized Baptist work here will soon be observed. The church already has \$900 at interest toward meeting the \$2,500 mortgage due next year.

Logan Square.—Pastor Finwall lectured on August 27 on "Wide-Awake Norway in 1908." His next lecture, on September 24, will be on "A Trip Through Norway." This church has now about 250 members who gave the pastor and his daughter a rousing reception on their return.

Lexington Ave.—Pastor Boynton and family are spending their two months' vacation at Lexington, which is twelve miles south of Pentwater, Mich. They all sleep in tents, taking the "open-air treatment." During his absence the pulpit was supplied by Dr. J. Herndon Garnett, Dr. Behan and Mr. Norman Henderson.

La Salle Ave.—The supplies during the pastor's two months' vacation were Rev. W. E. Hopkins, Rev. Dudley, Rev. J. E. Noftsinger, Rev. S. S. Clark, Mr. R. F. Jaudon and Mrs. Wakefield.

Chicago Heights.—During the pastor's vacation in Canada the pulpit was supplied by Mrs. S. P. Mahoney, a member of the church. The Swedish Baptists have a church here and under the leadership of Rev. Oscar Johnson are doing an aggressive work.

Covenant.—The pastor and family have been spending their vacation at Brooks Lake, near Newaygo, Mich. During his vacation the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. J. E. Noftsinger,

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Rev. W. E. Hopkins, Rev. M. W. Buck and Mr. N. B. Henderson.

Irving Park.—Rev. F. G. Davies supplied the pulpit for four Sundays in August during the pastor's vacation. Five union services were held instead of individual evening church services.

Garfield Park.—During the pastor's vacation the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Wilbur Clapp, a former pastor, Dr. Manning, Rev. T. P. Dudley and Rev. Albert Ehrgott of Cleveland, O.

Fourth.—Rev. W. Kirke Bryce, former pastor, supplied the pulpit on August 16 and 23, and was again heard with pleasure. Dr. Florence Newberry, after a few weeks of rest, will depart for her field of labor in Kijabe, British East Africa. Pastor Decker and family are spending their vacation in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. John A. Reichelt and wife have gone on an extended European trip, including a visit in Germany, where he was born.

Grace.—Eight new members were welcomed at the July and five more at the August communion. The church will observe the fifteenth anniversary on September 28 by a week of jubilee. Pastor and Mrs. Snashall have been enjoying a vacation at Kalamazoo, Mich., where he supplied at the First Church.

First, Joliet.—The pulpit was supplied during the pastor's vacation by two members of the church, Mrs. Clara Aldrich and Rev. O. C. Dickinson. Col. Lee, principal of the Salvation Army Training School in Chicago, was heard with interest recently.

Belden Are.—Dr. H. O. Rowlands of Davenport, Iowa, preached for four Sundays during the pastor's vacation. Very successful open-air meetings have been held at the corner of Lincoln avenue and Halsted street.

Austin, First.—During Pastor Harnley's vacation the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Robert Gordon of Milwaukee and Rev. W. P. Osgood of Roseville.

Auburn Park.—The annual banquet of the Chicago Baptist Men's Chorus was held here on August 16, the woman's department serving. The boys told of their tramp from Madison, Wis., and of the various meetings and concerts held during the year, together with songs and anecdotes. The church recently enjoyed a visit

from the former pastor, Rev. J. O. Staples. Nine new members have been received by letter during the past few weeks. Pastor Paterson enjoyed his vacation with relatives in Minnesota.

First.—Dr. de Blois has been enjoying a vacation with his family at Wolfville, N. S. Great plans are being made for the "Diamond Jubilee Celebration." The First Church was organized October 19, 1833, with nineteen members and was the founding of the Baptist denomination in Chicago. When the present building was erected thirty-three years ago, the whole territory to the south was vacant lots.

Mr. W. E. Smith, chairman of the local jubilee committee, writes as follows:

"The building and paying for the present church edifice was marked by such self-sacrifice, such real privations and real heroism as has never been excelled, if equaled, in the history of the denomination, and only the few now alive who went through those dark but glorious days can realize or know the devotion of its members. All were united in the struggle, and accomplished their purpose, giving to their successors and to future generations this beautiful church home, complete in all its appointments and free from debt, and while doing so did not withhold help from others.

"The changing conditions in every great city—the crowding of the forces of evil around and upon us, seem to make it inevitable, that in self-preservation this church must enter upon a new era, a radical departure seems necessary to enable it to hold its ground and combat the forces of evil. Times have so changed that it is not enough to maintain regular church services and the Sunday-school, but the conditions demand new methods and more persistent work, supplementing and strengthening such old-time work of the church as may be all-sufficient in other communities. It is not difficult for us to see that the salvation of the church lies not in conserving, but in enlarging effort.

"We are now facing not a theory, but actual, grave conditions that by united effort and God's help we may combat and overcome, as has been often done by this church in the past.

"Your committee greatly desires to so arrange the program of the contemplated meetings of Anniversary Week, and select such themes and speakers fully alive to the conditions and modern methods bearing directly upon advance future work in the redemption of our immediate neighborhood, that the salvation of our boys and girls, who within a few years must continue

such work if it is to be done at all, will be assured.

"With all these ends in view your committee urgently invites the hearty and enthusiastic co-operation of every member of the church, all former members, and all who are, or ever have been, interested in its work, that the occasion may be worthy of the church, have a deep and lasting influence upon the denomination, the city and our neighborhood—that this community may be impressed with the fact that this church is established and maintained for their good, and the well-being of their children and children's children."

PERSONALS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Dr. L. C. Barnes, the new field secretary of the Home Mission Society, will have headquarters in Chicago for some time, beginning September 1, at 324 Dearborn street. This will be very gratifying to Baptists of the Central West, who feel that Chicago ought to be more of a denominational center than at present.

On November 10-12 the Baptist Congress will hold its annual session in Chicago. Also on November 11, the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society will hold its meeting here; and on November 12, 13, a convention of the Baptist Brotherhood of the northern churches will be held in Chicago. It will be a time to extend Baptist hospitality.

Dr. and Mrs. A. R. E. Wyant spent July and August with friends in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Wyant spending part of the time at Lake Chautauqua, while he had charge of his brother's practice, who is surgeon for the United States Steel Company at South Sharon, Pa., during the latter's vacation. He has returned to locate in Chicago, taking a house at 6951 Stewart avenue, with an office at Sixty-ninth and Normal avenue.

CARL'S ASPIRATIONS.

Little Carl, six years old, had been teased a great deal by his uncle about the vocation he would choose when he became a man. One day he overheard his mother and a caller talking about a certain gentleman being a bachelor.

When the caller left, his mother noticed that he was unusually quiet and seemed to be in a deep study. Finally he said to her, "Mamma, is a bachelor a good trade?"—The September Delineator.

RIVALS INGALLS' "OPPORTUNITY."

(The following written by Robert B. Malone, is favorably compared by critics with Ingalls' famous poem, "Opportunity.")

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wail not for precious chances passed away.
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;
Each night I burn the records of the day.
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped.
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead.
But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep,
I lend my arm to all who say "I can."
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep
But might rise and be again a man.

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all agast?
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Then rouse thee from thy spell!
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell.
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

—From the Journal.

People may believe in Sin with a capital "S" while taking small account of the sins in small letters, which are hidden in their own lives. They may call themselves miserable sinners, without observing the bearing of this general proposition on the fact that they are impatient, or ungrateful, or prejudiced, or worried or cross. The first thing, therefore, to do with sin is to remove the capital letter, to forget the theology of repentance, and to speak with the utmost simplicity of one's own faults or blunders or stupidities. Then the attitude of repentance and confession becomes real and inevitable, and one may say with an honest heart, "God be merciful to me a sinner."—Francis G. Peabody.

Most arts require long study and application; but the most useful art of all, that of pleasure, requires only the desire. It is to be presumed that a man of common-sense who does not desire to please, desires nothing at all, since he must know that he cannot obtain anything without it.—Lord Chesterfield.

If we had nothing to depend on but our own power or holiness, it would indeed be a hopeless task to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and the rest. But as it is, the Spirit of power and love having been given us in holy baptism, we know that these things are not beyond our power, provided only that we take care not to drive away that good spirit by our sins.—Keble.

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ILLINOIS SONG.

Sung at the Salutation of the Flags, Cleveland

B. Y. P. U. Convention, 1908.

A PRAYER AND A PLEDGE.

(Tune, America.)

Queen State of western land,
For thee we praying stand,
My Illinois;
Thy Baptist hosts so strong,
Thy full salvation long,
And voice their prayer in song,
O Illinois.

O Father bless our state,
Broad vale and city great,
Our Illinois;
Help us Thy grace to tell,
In thronging street or dell,
Till Thou all sin shall quell,
In Illinois.

From Cairo to the lake,
B. Y. P. U. shall wake,
Our Illinois;
With standard lifted high,
Commanded from the sky,
We'll save thee tho' we die,
O Illinois.

Chicago.

B. H. MOORE.

SOUTH DISTRICT B. Y. P. U.

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Vice President—H. L. Kelly, 10924 Indiana Ave. Secretary—George Royal, 1457 West Thirty-fifth St.

Treasurer—Charles Larson, 9124 Exchange Ave. The board of the South Side District has laid

out its work for the coming year. The South District intends to hustle this year.

Don't forget our district work committee meetings. Every second Sunday in each month, beginning September 13, at Bethany Church, Thirty-fifth street and Hoyne avenue. Work in the district. The city officers will also be with us in our various meetings. Much good came from these meetings last year and we are hoping for greater results this year. The work of the district is a big work and the officers need much help on the part of the local unions to make this work what it ought to be.

Don't forget our district social, Thursday evening, October 1. Everybody will be there; that means you: you can help make the everybody; so come.

NORTH SIDE DISTRICT.

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Reception—Mrs. R. G. Stronach.

The Ravenswood Immanuel Swedish Baptist Young People's Union has united with the North District B. Y. P. U. The officers of the Swedish Immanuel Union are as follows:

Pastor—F. E. Tanquist, 2837 North Anthony Ct.

President—E. B. Peterson.

Vice President—David Nelson.

Secretary—Augusta Thudin.

Treasurer—Herbert Riego.

The North District Young People have held meetings during the summer in their new tent which was pitched in several sections of the North District.

Our first work committee meeting will be held at the Ravenswood Church, Sunday evening, September 27. All the city officers will be with us. We want to see Ravenswood Church filled to overflowing, September 27.

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WEST SIDE DISTRICT.

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BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR.

August, Millard Avenue; September, Austin First; October, Elgin First; November, Oak Park; January, Tabernacle; February, Second; March, Berwyn; April, Trinity; May, Downers Grove; June, Garfield Park.

July board meeting was held at Fourth Baptist Church, July 28. Mr. Walter, Mr. Shrimplin and Mr. Boyer gave reports of the Cleveland convention.

The August board meeting was held at the Millard Ave. Church. A bountiful supper was served by the young ladies of the church. There were thirty members of the board present.

We are sorry to report a meeting of our board without a single pastor being present. Pastors should take a deeper interest in the work of the young people. A church without a band of earnest working young people could be able in a short time to nail up its doors.

At the July board meeting we had a report of the Cleveland convention from Mr. Walter, who told of the social side, Mr. Shrimpen, who told of the religious side, and Mr. Boyer, who told of the future. When we heard of the fine times they had and of the splendid meetings, all of us regretted that we were not there.

Mr. Boyer brought us face to face with the fact that our state organization had not been doing their part to support the national organization. Then he showed that the various local organizations are not doing their part to sup-

port the state. Then that brings us down to the question: "Is each one in the local unions doing his or her part?" If you are doing your full duty you are not only thinking of your home union but of all the others and doing all you can to extend the B. Y. P. U. locally and in other parts of the state, country and world. Illinois should raise at least \$1,000 for the support of the national organization next year. Not only that, but it should raise \$1,000 for state work and as much more and put a secretary in the field. Are we going to do this? Think it over and you will see that we should do as much and more.

The board meetings for the coming year are as follows:

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ENGLEWOOD DISTRICT.

President—B. H. Moore, 7843 Winneconna Ave., Phone Wentworth 6841.

The incoming president was the recipient of the honor of being the representative of the district at the International Convention at Cleveland in July. There were also from the district, Miss Mabel Smith, the district secretary, who went from the Covenant Union, Misses Brimson and Hoefler of the First Englewood Union, Miss Burt of the Washington Park Union and Miss Johnson of Morgan Park. These, with the aid of District Treasurer Conant to personify the chorus leader in one of his solos, and little Master and Miss Olson, who sweetly rendered one of the convention duets, and the Young People's Chorus of the Swedish Church where the rally was held, gave a most inspiring echo of the convention.

Not the least of the points of the echo was the report of the call for funds to carry on the work of the International Union for the current year, of which \$10,000—one \$500 subscription was made by a member of the international executive committee who lives in this district, and another \$100—was subscribed by the First Englewood Union. With these as starters it was decided to raise another \$100 among the remaining societies of the district and this is being entered into with hearty unanimity. It is planned to have the several

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societies raise their respective amounts before Thanksgiving Day and bring their offerings to the early morning meeting of that day.

A step toward more thorough reading of the Bible has been taken in the announcement that the devotional committee of the district will urge the taking up of the Bible Readers' Course for the coming year. This is very opportune as the Old Testament, which is read through once in four years in the course, will be begun this fall. As an inducement for the best team work in this course, which is individual rather than a class exercise, a member of the district board has offered a good American Revised Bible as an award to that society showing the most points in proportion to its membership at the end of three months. At the end of the second three months the Bible will be reassigned and again at the close of each successive quarter until some society has held it for three successive terms, when it becomes the property of that society, to be bestowed on that person whose effort in the society entitles him or her to the award. In the calculation of credits, three points will be given for each person who has actually read all the assigned portions during the quarter, and two additional points for each one who will prepare a brief written review along lines prepared by the committee. Any one, whether a member of the society or not, is eligible to be counted as among the readers of the course under the auspices of any union.

All the local unions have held their regular services through the summer and some report unusual interest for the season.

A lady is simply the highest type of a woman. She will be gentle and modest, mistress of temper and curiosity. She will know and honor her own place in the social order, as the divinely appointed molder, teacher, and refiner of men; and out of this beautiful and noble place she will not seek to move. To fit herself for her place she will cultivate body and mind—the body in health and vigor, that she may take her share of burdens and be cheerful under them, and that her work in the world shall be fairly done as her hands can do it; and the mind in knowledge, accomplishments and taste, that she may delight and help in her home. There is a hidden lady in every woman, as there is a gentleman in every man, and, no matter how far the actual may be from the possible, a true lady or a true gentleman is always recognized and acknowledged by this nobility in the human heart.—John Boyle O'Reilly.

Try to be something in the world, and you will be something; aim at excellence, and excellence will be attained. This is the great secret of success and eminence. "I cannot do it," never accomplished anything. "I will try," has wrought wonders.—Hawes.

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RAYMOND CHAPEL NOTES.

August 2, sermon by Dr. E. C. Spinney.
August 9, sermon by Dr. E. E. Spinney.
August 16, sermon by Rev. E. L. Kelley.
August 23, sermon by Rev. E. L. Kelley.
August 30, sermon by Deacon W. R. Raymond.

Prayer meetings have been maintained every Thursday evening during the month of August conducted by Brethren Kelley, Raymond and Spinney. The attendance at all the services during this month has been good. A marked increase of interest in all the meetings of Raymond Chapel has been manifested. Most acceptable solos have been given at the Sunday evening preaching services by the Misses Margaret Augustine, Mary Hagen and Clara E. de Clercq.

The Ladies' Aid Society met for work on Thursday, August 6, and Thursday, August 20. Raymond Men's League has held meetings on each alternate Friday evening.

The Sunday-school is doing well under the direction of its popular superintendent, Dr. F. H. Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hackendahl and daughter have returned from their vacation in Minnesota; also Mrs. T. F. Olson and daughter Miss Sophia Olsen are with us again after an outing of some weeks.

E. C. S.
RAYMOND SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Raymond Sunday-school held a picnic at Jackson Park Saturday, August 29. About fifty attended and they all seemed to have a good time. We had our pictures taken in the afternoon.

We are making great preparation for Rally Day and are using the printed contest recommended by the Cook County Sunday-school Association.

Miss Anna B. Shrigley, who has been superintendent of the primary department, upon recommendation of her physician, has resigned her charge. We regret that one so competent should be compelled to resign, as her many accomplishments have been of great value to our school.

We are glad to announce that several books have been contributed to our library, and thank the givers very much.

We are in need of a teacher for three boys' classes. Who will volunteer their services?

About ten of our school attended the picnic given by Mrs. Bennett's class at Michigan City. All had a fine time and are ready to go again.

Mr. Warrell Kelly, who has been assisting in the library, has returned to his home in Blair, Wis.

We are glad to welcome back those who have been away for the summer and are counting on great things for the winter.

F. H. K.

PERSONALS.

Deacon and Mrs. James McElroy enjoyed a visit of several weeks with their son, at Jamestown, No. Dak.

Rev. E. A. Paxton and Miss Paxton of Derby, England, nephew and niece of Mrs. Martha

Paxton, attended our morning service on August 23.

Miss Isabell Stone, daughter of Mrs. Leander Stone, 3352 Indiana avenue, sailed recently for Rome, where she will remain several months.

It very frequently means an appreciable loss to a church when one of its active members moves away but when a large family goes—each one of which has been identified with some branch of the church work—it is particularly noticeable. By the removal of the Pickett family to their home which they have bought in River Forest our church and Sunday-school lose a number of efficient workers. Mrs. Pickett has always been active in Missionary work. Robert J. Pickett was formerly Sunday-school secretary, and Miss Blanche Pickett leaves a fine class of boys in the Sunday-school.

Miss Lillian Linihan, assistant secretary of the primary department, will take Miss Blanche Pickett's class in the intermediate department.

Miss Helen Todd leaves this month for Stillman Valley, Ill., where she assumes a position as teacher in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh have recently returned from a lake tour to Mackinaw.

Mrs. John C. Buckbee of Minneapolis, daughter of our former pastor, the late Dr. Everts, and for many years a member of our church, has been spending some time here since the funeral of Mrs. Everts. We are glad to see her again. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis.

Mrs. Benjamin Davies and Miss Lizzie Davies left August 24 for a three weeks' visit to Dayton and Xenia, Ohio.

Yet another family is about to leave our church home. Deacon and Mrs. W. J. Liddy are to move to Los Angeles, Cal. We regret to have them go, and hope they will always feel a welcome home awaits them here if health and business allow them to return. Mr. Leslie Liddy and Miss Pearl Liddy will remain in Chicago and continue their membership with us.

Mrs. R. R. Donnelly and Miss Donnelly have returned from their trip around the world.

Our former assistant pastor, Rev. F. C. W. Parker, Mrs. Parker and their three children, Wesley, Kent and Muriel, stopped over several days in Chicago on their way from Boston to their new home in Oregon, where our best wishes follow them. It was good to see them again, even though for only a short time. Their mail address will be 514 Marquam Bldg., Portland, Ore.

From Oregon City has been received a church program from our former brother, Rev. John M. Linden, who is pastor of the flourishing Baptist church there.

Mr. Archibald Barrett is recovering after an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Mary Young spent the vacation in Minneapolis, Duluth and Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Smith have returned after a delightful time spent at Gloucester and Boston, Mass., and in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. J. F. Gillette and Mrs. Charles W. Dempster are back from a summer spent at Magnolia, near Gloucester, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Twiss have returned from Belvidere, Ill., where they have been spending the summer.

Deacon C. E. Whitmore is expected back by the time this paper is issued after a beneficial stay in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Combs have returned from a visit to Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman C. Lingle are home again after a trip to Europe.

Amongst the workers of our primary department we welcome back to the work after the vacation, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Wagner, Miss Elizabeth Lingle and Miss Medora Googins.

APPRECIATION.

A word of appreciation and thanks is due to the flower committee, Mrs. Hoyne, Mrs. McLaury, Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Roy, who have kept the pulpit supplied so tastefully with flowers, adding much to the attractiveness of the church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mrs. H. H. Chandler, 507 Sheridan Road, South, Highland Park, Ill.

Miss Mary Dolan, Mackinac Island, Mich., care of Mrs. Weiss.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Clarke, 87 Bryant avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roy, 6456 Minerva avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheeler Stone, 4637 Ellis avenue.

W. J. Good, Morgan Park.

MARRIED.

Mr. T. Ralph Ridley and Miss Elsie White of Ipswich, England, were married at Farley's Point, Union Springs, N. Y., on Monday, August 24, 1908. Mr. Ridley is assistant secretary of the intermediate department of our Sunday-school. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert T. Jones, D. D. of Ithaca, N. Y., who is Mr. Ridley's cousin. They will be at home after October 1 at 44 B, 3104 So. Park avenue. We extend congratulations and a hearty welcome to them.

A REMARKABLE WEDDING.

On the evening of Wednesday, September 9, there was celebrated at the home of Dr. de Blois a unique double wedding. Mr. Lynn C. Chinn, formerly of Canton, China, but now a well-to-do merchant in Chicago, was married to Miss Annie Koros, a beautiful young Polish girl; and his cousin, Mr. Tong Chinn, was married to Miss Anna Bonik, a cousin of the other bride. Both of the Polish brides have recently arrived in America, and they are both modest and attractive young ladies. They were dressed in lovely silk gowns and wore bridal veils. Only one of the four contracting parties could speak a word of English.

BIRTHS.

Clarke: David Gainey Clarke, on August 30, 1908. Son of Charles M. and Nora C. Clarke, 87 Bryant avenue.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

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DIED.

Everts: Mrs. Naomi Townsend Everts, widow of the late Rev. William W. Everts, former pastor for twenty years of the First Baptist Church, died at her residence, 3342 Rhodes avenue, early Monday morning, August 17, 1908. The funeral, conducted by Dr. Henderson of the Chicago University, was from the house on Wednesday, August 19, interment at Rose Hill. Naomi Townsend Everts came of good old New York Baptist stock. Brought up in Putnam county, she spent the years of her young womanhood in the great city of New York. City life gave breadth to her mind and sympathy. Her principles were established under the preaching of that master of the Baptist pulpit, Spencer H. Cone. She was never ashamed of her denomination. In the church on Oliver street she mingled with the best families in the city and she never lost the dignified manners acquired in such company. When she came to Chicago in 1869 some one said to her without thinking, "You cannot fill the place of the former Mrs. Everts." She replied with simple dignity, "I don't expect to fill her place, I only want to fill mine." In the trying year of the first fire she showed her generalship by administering relief in and from the church. Then after the second fire, when the present building was erected, she led the ladies in raising money to furnish the church. She commanded herself to rich and poor, to young and old alike by her open face and straightforward walk. Her home was the center of wide-reaching plans during the active ministry of her husband, and a quiet and peaceful refuge during the years of her long widowhood. Some friends who greeted her in 1869 were seen at her funeral. A friend once made was seldom lost. This church, which had received so much of her attention and devotion, was uppermost in her thoughts. Whatever difficulties may face this church now they cannot be compared with those that were overcome after the second fire. The constancy that marked Mrs. Everts and the other women in those days will triumph now as it did then.

Monroe: The funeral of Mrs. Monroe of 3028 Poplar avenue, formerly a member of our church and mother of our members, Mr. Benjamin Rife and Mr. Joseph J. Rife, was held from the church on Wednesday, September 2, 1908. Bro. H. H. Van Meter conducted the services. Mrs. Monroe was a member of several societies which also took part in the services both at the church and cemetery.

Hartman: The death is reported of Mrs. M. D. Hartman, one of the long time members of our church. The pastor and deacons would be glad to receive further information concerning her death, which occurred during the pastor's absence.

Harvey: On Saturday, September 12, 1908, at his residence, 3212 So. Park avenue, occurred the death of Mr. Charles Frederick Harvey, a beloved friend and attendant of our church. The funeral service was held at the house on Monday, September 13, at 10 a. m. Interment was at Mount Hope. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Harvey and the family in the loss of a loving husband and father.

JOURNAL OF THE CHURCH.

August 2, 1908—Sunday: Preaching in the

morning by Rev. F. E. R. Miller, of Grand Forks, No. Dak. Text: St. John 16. "And Jesus said unto Pilate, My kingdom is not of this world; and Matthew 6:10, "Thy kingdom come." Open air service in evening. Sermon by Bro. H. H. Van Meter. Text, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not discouraged for I am thy God." Isaiah 41:10. Preaching at Raymond by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

August 4.—Tuesday: Kindergarten classes at Raymond, 10 to 12 o'clock on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during August under Miss Helen Warner and Miss Mildred Shirley.

August 5.—Wednesday: Prayer meeting led by Dea. Wm. Wigney. Theme, Ps. 103.

August 6—Thursday, at Raymond, led by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

August 9.—Sunday: Preaching in the morning by Rev. O. R. O. Farel, Willimantic, Conn. 212 present. Evening open air service led by Bro. H. H. Van Meter. Solo by Mrs. Sylvester Marshall, Stereopticon lecture at Raymond by Rev. Cornwall on last quarter's Sunday-school lessons.

August 12.—Wednesday: Prayer meeting led by Deacon W. R. Raymond.

August 13.—Thursday: Prayer meeting at Raymond led by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

August 14.—Friday: Meeting at Raymond for purpose of organizing a Men's League.

August 16.—Sunday: Morning sermon by Rev. Robert Gordon of Milwaukee, Wis. Text, "How much more will your Heavenly Father give good gifts to you." Character of God shown by his workmanship. Evening open air service led by Bro. H. H. Van Meter. Solo by Mrs. Sylvester Marshall of Christ Reformed Episcopal Church, Mrs. Fred J. Betts of Immanuel Baptist Church and Dr. W. C. Williams. Preaching in evening at Raymond by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

August 19.—Wednesday: Prayer meeting led by Rev. W. W. Everts. Text, Mark 5:34. "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole."

August 20.—Thursday: Prayer meeting at Raymond led by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

August 23.—Sunday: Morning sermon by Rev. A. T. Fowler of Minneapolis, Minn. Text, Revelation 21:14, "And the length and breadth and height thereof are equal." The goal of Christianity. 254 present. Evening open air service led by Bro. H. H. Van Meter. Solos by Miss Geneva Doran of Woodlawn Park Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Marshall and Dr. Williams. Preaching at Raymond by Rev. E. L. Kelley.

August 26.—Wednesday: Prayer meeting led by Dea. John P. Ahrens, subject, Old Memories.

August 27.—Thursday: Prayer meeting at Raymond led by Rev. E. L. Kelley.

August 30.—Sunday: Morning sermon by Rev. H. O. Rowland of Davenport, Iowa. Text, Matthew 5:41. "The Call to Grander Living." Evening out door service led by Bro. H. H. Van Meter. Preaching at Raymond by Deacon W. R. Raymond. Subject, Jacob's Vision.

NOTICE.

All organizations and societies of the church are requested to notify the chairman of the property committee, M. J. Piercy, at as early a date as possible, the day of week and hour of meeting of such organization. This will insure there being no conflict of dates in the use of the church.

Chicago Temperance News.

Grace E. Levin, Editor.

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WORLD SURVEY.

Europe.

The Anti-Alcoholic Union of Workingmen and Railroad Employees has been formed in seven foreign countries, with a total membership of 7,000. None but total abstainers are admitted. Sweden heads the list with 4,300 members; Finland second with 1,300.

Two thousand new members have been added during the past year to the order of Good Companys in Germany. In the Kaiser's Empire today there are over a thousand lodges with a total membership of 34,000, compared to less than 5,000 ten years ago.

The latest returns from Switzerland show a regular majority for national prohibition of absinthe of over one hundred thousand. Twenty-three of the twenty-five cantons gave majorities. Enthusiasm is high and the temperance people are immediately taking steps moving toward to a vigorous and systematic campaign looking toward the prohibition of all alcoholic beverages in a few years.

The probabilities are that France will follow suit. The legislative bodies of thirty out of the eighty-nine French departments and forty municipal councils have already passed resolutions petitioning the French parliament to pass a prohibitory statute against the manufacture and sale of absinthe or submit the question to a popular vote.

Even in Germany, where however the drinking of absinthe is prevalent only in the southwest, the matter of prohibiting this deadly beverage is being agitated.

United States.

Every now and then we get fresh and almost startling evidence of the actual restrictions that prohibition is putting on the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. Here, for example, comes the news from Milwaukee that the big brewery interests there have been forced to take back more than two hundred carloads of saloon fixtures and furnishings from territory which has gone "dry"; and the Chicago brewers report figures nearly as large. More significant still is the statement that while last year twenty million dollars were spent by breweries and distilleries for new buildings, machinery, improvements and repairs, this year the amount so spent will be barely half a million.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE NOTES.

By H. C. Newton.

The Illinois Anti-Saloon League—"The church in action against the saloon"—is controlled by representatives from eighteen different denominations. Among the last recruits is a worthy representative from the Episcopal Church of Chicago. The Epworth League, the Christian Endeavor Union and the Woman's Christian

Temperance Union are also represented on its board.

The United Societies for Local Anarchy will have to try again. The official returns, so far, indicate that they are not going to have friends enough in the next legislature to repeal the local option law which in one year after its enactment, wiped out 1,500 of their rum holes.

The Anti-Saloon League gained ground in the down-state primaries, but in Chicago they lost a few of their local option friends—while we church folks were asleep, off on vacations, neglected to register, forgot to vote or what not. It is time for the churches of this great city to wake up and bestir themselves as our out-of-town churches are now doing.

The League, with the assistance of other civic-decency forces, succeeded in defeating at the recent primaries the notorious "Hank" Evans, who as chairman of the senate license committee has smothered to death every bill that the liquor interests did not want. He was doubtless the strongest friend the saloon power had in the legislature and has served his masters faithfully for twenty-five years.

Springfield had a chance at last spring's option election to prevent the riot of that whisky-crazed mob. That even her saloon-owned mayor knows the source of riot and disorder is evidenced by the fact that he promptly closed every saloon in Springfield when flooding began. Candidate Chain told them the truth when he said that the local option and prohibition victories of the South were driving the criminal negroes and the "tough" whites from the saloon-governed whisky towns of the North.



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We are glad to call the attention of our army of friends studying the temperance reform, to the Year Book of the American Anti-Saloon League, just issued. It is a comprehensive, up-to-date encyclopedia of the temperance reform and the liquor traffic and furnishes the vast amount of information which a great host of temperance people demand of the League's busy workers by personal correspondence. The book is not sold for profit and we gladly boost the cause with this free notice. It may be had postpaid for 35 cents at the Illinois Anti-Saloon League's office, 1200 Security Building, Chicago.

CHICAGO LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

Arthur Burrage Farwell, President.

Character, Christian character, is of more value than life.

Life is worth more than money.

Men, women and children are the most valuable things in a great city.

Last week I went into one of the congested sections of this city and one where children were very plentiful, but the street was narrow and not clean, and one of the most touching things was a little front yard about twelve feet square surrounded by a fence made of all kinds of sticks, and in that yard I noticed one stalk of corn and perhaps two sunflowers trying to raise their heads towards the sunlight, which I doubt if they ever saw. Now men and women and children need sunlight and fresh air to make them healthy, the same as corn and sunflowers.

Is it a necessity that people should have to live in such conditions, that innocent children should be reared in such surroundings?

Every influence that helps to form and maintain Christian character among the people should be encouraged, and every influence that helps to break down and destroy and mar the human soul should be discouraged.

The forces in this city and suburbs that make for righteousness do not understand their strength. They should take encouragement from history and combine for the welfare not only of the city but of their own homes and loved ones.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Mrs. Emily M. Hill, President.

The Cook County Woman's Christian Temperance Union's Annual Convention will be held at the Open Church, Fourteenth and Wabash avenue, September 24-26.

The main attractions of the convention will be addresses by Miss Marie C. Brehm, special lecturer on scientific temperance for the General Assembly's Permanent Committee of the Presbyterian Church of U. S. A, also vice-president Illinois W. C. T. U.

Also a grand gold medal contest and an hour with the Cook County candidates for the legislature. Good music at all sessions.

The Great Temperance and Law Enforcement Parade.

Saturday afternoon, September 26th, will be given over to a great parade on the down town streets, made up of the multitudes of people of Chicago who are opposed to the saloon and who stand firm for law enforcement.

A general committee representing various temperance and reform forces, churches, Sunday-schools, young peoples' societies, Women's clubs, lodges, etc., etc., have had two enthusiastic meetings. They meet Monday nights, at 8 o'clock, Lecture room, First M. E. Church, Clark and Washington streets.

You are invited to attend these great committee meetings.

Every man, woman and child of the city who stands for temperance and law is enthusiastically invited to join the throng of marchers.

Those who cannot march are urged to rent or borrow automobiles and be in line.

A "company of infantry," consisting of the dear little children in go-carts will be in line. Offer yourself, your child and go-cart to help out this most interesting feature. Send name to Miss Mary F. Balcomb, 1104 The Temple. Phone 992 Main.

The surest way to increase our possession of Christ's grace is to try to impart it. There is no better way of strengthening our own faith than to seek to make others share in it. Christian convictions spoken are confirmed, but muffled in silence are weakened.—McLaren.

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THE ANTI-CIGARETTE CRUSADE.

Lucy Page Gaston, National Organizer.
An exchange says "Billions of cigarettes were used in this country last year and yet the wise men are trying to discover the cause of the recent crime wave."

Criminologists agree that the cigarette is today the greatest crime producing agency at work among the youth. Crime annals emphasize the fact that a great majority of the criminals who are crowding penal and reformatory institutions are mere youths.

Back of the cigarette business is a \$500,000,000 tobacco trust that is coining millions of dollars profit yearly from this new and unAmerican vice.

If a church is alert will it not line up with the agencies at work to check the cigarette evil?

The Anti-Cigarette League, 1119 Woman's Temple, is anxious to enlist every church in Chicago in its fight against the cigarette.

The government report which recently appeared gives in exact figures the number of manufactured cigarettes consumed last year. The figures, 55,402,230,113 cigarettes do not include the countless billions that were rolled by the nerveless fingers of the smokers themselves from the "makings" (cigarette paper and bag tobacco.)

"Is it true of your church that the boys are "swearing like pirates, smoking like chimneys and headed straight for the saloon?" Thousands of boys are doing this and going straight to destruction that the churches of Chicago should be looking after.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Mary F. Balcom, General Secretary.

The presentation of "both sides" of the Temperance Question at the Chicago Athletic Club, Tuesday evening, August 25, by representatives of the Manufacturers and Dealers Club and the Young People's Christian Temperance Union proved to be both interesting and breezy.

The young people, as invited guests, were treated with the utmost respect and courtesy. Messrs. H. Markheim and Leonard Grossman, two wide-awake, ambitious young men, held that prohibition is undesirable, because: it does not prohibit, thus leading to a spirit of disregard for law; it would lead to a financial crisis because of the enormous vested interests both direct and indirect of the liquor traffic; and because it is unAmerican as an infringement of the rights of personal liberty.

On the other hand, Mr. Fred D. L. Squires and Miss Mary F. Balcomb, representing the young people, maintained that prohibition is desirable because: by diverting money into legitimate channels, greater business prosperity would ensue, particularly among the laboring classes; that much of our present social and political corruption would be eliminated; that prohibition gives personal liberty consistent with the liberty of all; and that the prohibitory law is enforced to the same degree as other laws.

The club accepted the invitation to meet with the young people at their October rally, Tuesday evening, October 13. Commence planning now to reserve that date. Let us give them a splendid hearing.

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CHURCH VISITING.

BY MARY WICKLIFFE VAN NESS.

Church visiting may be a powerful means of grace, or it may be decidedly, as our English friends, say, "the other way about." Of course if we are told by our rector to call on Mrs. George Washington Jones or Mrs. Cadwallader Smith, because she comes regularly to the church services, at once we try to recall the inspiration for this duty. We prepare our minds by getting into sympathetic attitude. We read Malachi 3:16, and we say to ourselves, that "we hope we can induce our visitors to join our guild, and to draw nearer to our blessed Lord. He certainly did establish a kingdom in this world, and that kingdom as we find it now, is the church, so we are working specially and specifically for Him in bringing persons into His kingdom."

I say we think all these things, but do we do these things? Some very comical experiences recently give another view. They reminded me of the experience of a settlement worker, who having to leave two little girls to their own devices, told them "to play ladies." They seemed much pleased, and the elder at once assumed the role of "lady," and began: "Have you no soap for scrubbing this room?" "Does your husband drink?" "What wages does he get?"

The settlement worker stopped her in mid career by saying: "Why, that's not ladylike!" "Oh, yes mum, it is. That's just what the church ladies says to my mamma when theys visiting."

Of course those we have in mind are not quite so strenuous. But to have to reply to questions such as only census takers generally ask: "This is a nice flat, how much do you pay for it? What does your husband do?" And then the comment: "It's a paying business. I've heard," and a pause, obviously waiting to be enlightened as to what his pay is.

Then hearing that one has lately come into this parish from a larger church, comes the comment: "Well, ours is a small church, and not much of a preacher, and we have many empty pews. I often go myself so as not to leave an empty seat."

When you express a desire to know the ladies, and assist in parish work, and that you are willing to meet them half way, you are told in a thrilling, chilling tone—"Half way? It must be three quarters, yes, in most cases you must go all the way." When she leaves she says: "Be sure to come to church," and you are tempted to say: "You've given me every reason to stay away."

And yet, this lovely little church, struggling with all its might to exist in the midst of multitudes of godless people, had a choir whose voices, training, and reverential demeanor would shame many of the wealthiest church choirs in the city. With a rector who was most earnest, and who preached exceptionally spiritual sermons; and guilds of busy ladies who only needed a little more enthusiasm; but whose church visitors never the divine gift of tact.

Why not establish a training class for church visitors, teaching them the things to say and not to say? If they think poorly of their reector

as a preacher, let them try to remember his earnestness, his unremitting labors for the kingdom. If they think the guild ladies are reserved and unsocial, let them resolve to warm them up to meet the new-comers with smiling eyes and genial hand shakes. To try to get an optimistic idea of their little corner of the dear Lord's vineyard, and tempt the outsiders by the old Scripture welcome: "Come with us and we will do thee good."

THE ENFRANCHISED WOMAN.

What does it mean to be an enfranchised woman? It is easier to tell what it doesn't mean. It does not mean the pleasing discovery that "politics is the science of government;" it does not mean attending a few political meetings and reading a few bits of campaign literature; it does not even mean going to the polls and voting as conscientiously as one knows how. All of that is but a small portion of it. The vital part of being enfranchised is not to be found in its political aspects at all, but in its effect in teaching us our relationship with the life about us. The real significance lies in getting in touch with what newspaper people call "the human interest" of daily life, and finding one's own place in the great scheme of the universe.

To those who fear the fierce partisanship of women it may be rather startling to know that such a thing as a party measure has never been espoused by women in any legislature, in Colorado at least. Women want the same things, and they have worked together in perfect harmony. They wanted a pure food law, and secured one in line with the national provision in the last legislature; they want civil service, and they have obtained that in a measure, though the ideal thing is yet to come; they want honest elections and the elimination of graft. During the last legislature an attempt was made to change the law in regard to the control of the State Bureau of Child and Animal Protection, taking it from the Colorado Humane Society and creating a political board. Every federated club in the state besieged its senators and representatives, and the vice-chairmen of the two dominant parties waited on different members of the legislature together to enter their protest. Men understand that in legislative matters when they oppose the women it is practically all the women, and the great independent vote of the state.—Ellis Meredith, in the August Atlantic.



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